

neck having a lesser width than said stem and an enlarged head.

4. The combination of claim 3, wherein said opening includes a tapered recess terminating in an enlarged notch, said head being insertable through said notch and into an engagement with the outer surface of said second panel.

5. The combination of claim 1, and including connecting means on the lower end of the first panel and engageable with connecting means on the lower end of a second diverter to provide a releasable connection between said diverters.

6. The combination of claim 5, wherein said connecting means comprises a tab having a longitudinal slot.

7. The combination of claim 6, wherein each tab has a pair of curved edges bordering the slot.

8. The diverter of claim 1, and including a third panel connected to the lower end of one of said first and second panels, said first, second and third panels disposed in generally triangular relationship when said diverter is in the operative mode.

9. The diverter of claim 8, and including a plurality of tabs disposed on the upper edge of said first panel and a plurality of recesses formed in the upper edge of said second panel and disposed to be engaged by said tabs to maintain said panels in said triangular relationship.

10. The diverter of claim 9, wherein each tab is provided with an enlarged head disposed to engage the outer surface of said second panel when said tabs are engaged with said recesses.

11. The diverter of claim 8, wherein said third panel is horizontal and rests on the court surface.

12. A tennis ball diverter to be used in combination with a tennis net, comprising a sheet of material and including a first panel and a second panel connected to the first panel along a longitudinal fold line, the first of said panels being disposed at an acute angle to the horizontal when said panels are in an operative mode, releasable locking means for locking the panels in the operative mode, said sheet in the flat unfolded condition including a second fold line extending laterally from a side edge of the first panel to said longitudinal fold, said second panel having a slit extending from a side edge of the second panel to said longitudinal fold and aligned with said second fold, and a third fold extending laterally from the side edge of said second panel to said longitudinal fold, said first panel having a slit extending from the side edge of the first panel to the longitudinal fold and aligned with said third fold, said second and third folds and said aligned slits dividing said diverter into three sections spaced along the length of said diverter.

13. The diverter of claim 12, wherein said locking means comprises a plurality of pivotably tabs connected to one panel and a plurality of apertures in the other panel to receive said tabs.

14. A tennis ball diverter to be used in combination with a tennis net, comprising a sheet of foldable mate-

rial, said sheet when in a folded operative mode including a first panel disposed at an acute angle to the horizontal, a second panel connected to the lower end of said first panel along a first longitudinal fold line and disposed generally horizontally and a third panel connected to the opposite end of said second panel along a second longitudinal fold line, said sheet in the flat unfolded state including a third fold line extending transversely of said second panel between said first and second longitudinal fold lines, said first and third panels having transverse slits aligned with said third fold line, interlocking tab means formed on the upper edges of said first and third panels to connect said panels in a generally triangular relationship, the lower end of said first panel being disposed adjacent the lower end of said net whereby tennis balls striking the net will fall downwardly into contact with said first panel for collection in the space between said first panel and the net.

15. In combination, a tennis court including a court surface, a net extending across said court surface, and a tennis ball diverter comprising a foldable sheet of material including an inclined first panel and a second panel connected to said first panel along a first longitudinal fold line, said panels being disposed at an angle to each other when the diverter is in an operative mode, each of said panels having a lower edge and an upper edge, said lower edges being disposed in contact with said court surface adjacent the lower end of the net and the upper edge of the first panel being connected to the upper edge of the second panel, releasable locking means for connecting the panels together in the operative mode, said sheet in the flat unfolded condition including a second fold line extending transversely from said first edge of said first panel to said first longitudinal fold line, said second panel having a slit extending transversely from the first edge of the second panel to said first longitudinally fold line and longitudinally aligned with said second fold line.

16. The diverter of claim 15, wherein said locking means is spaced centrally of each of said sections.

17. A tennis ball diverter to be used in combination with a tennis net, comprising a sheet of material and including a first panel and a second panel connected to the first panel along a longitudinal fold line, a first of said panels being disposed at an acute angle to the horizontal when said panels are in an operative mode, releasable locking means for locking the panels in the operative mode, said sheet in the flat unfolded condition including a second fold line extending laterally from a side edge of the first panel to said longitudinal fold line, said second panel having a slit extending from a side edge of the second panel to said longitudinal fold line and aligned with said second fold line, and connecting means on the lower end of the first panel and engageable with connecting means on the lower end of a second diverter to provide a releasable connection between a pair of diverters.

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